

SENATE BILL 3553

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56;
Title 63 and Title 68, relative to health care.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1625, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() The planning division may request from all health care providers and health insurers doing business in the state of Tennessee any information relative to utilization of health care services; provided, however, such information shall not include any patient identifying information. Such request shall not require the health care providers or health insurers to provide information in a format other than that format of the customary business practice of that entity. This subsection shall not be construed to authorize any disclosure of information that would be prohibited pursuant to the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), 42 U.S.C. § 1320d et seq. For purposes of this subsection, "health insurer" means any health insurer, prepaid group health plan, health maintenance organization, preferred provider organization or similar entity licensed under title 56, chapter 2, that provides or administers health insurance.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.